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1. AT 10:30 HOURS LOCAL AUGUST 4 NORWEGIAN CHARGE (PLEASE PROTECT) TOLD EMBOFF THAT, ACCORDING TO NORBATT, NIGHT OF AUGUST 3 - 4 HAD BEEN VERY QUIET. THERE HAD BEEN NO FIRING ON EITHER LEBANESE OR UN POSITIONS. ONLY OBSERVED ACTIVITY OF CHRISTIAN MILITIA WAS SHOOTING OF SOME FLARES.

2. RE PARA 7 REF B, CHARGE TOLD EMBOFF ON AUGUST 3 THAT NORWEGIANS HAD NO REPEAT NO EVIDENCE OF SYRIAN SOLDIERS AT KAWKABA (SEE REF C). A FEW SOLDIERS OF THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ARMY (PLA) HAD APPARENTLY GONE TO KAWKABA, HOWEVER, TO HELP CONTROL REJECTIONISTS IN THE AREA. (THE PLA HAS PRO-
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SYRIAN AND PRO-FATAH FACTIONS.) CHARGE SPECULATED THAT THESE PLA SOLDIERS MAY HAVE BEEN CONFUSED FOR SYRIAN SOLDIERS.

3. FURTHER RE PARA 7, REF B, ALL 650 MEN NOW IN KAWKABA CAME FROM FIRST BRIGADE ASSEMBLED AT ABLAH. ACCORDING TO PRO-SYRIAN BA'TH LEADER ASSEM QANSUH, ADDITIONAL 800 MEN FROM THIS BRIGADE ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPLOY SOUTH SHORTLY (SEPTEL).

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